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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The original period for response ended March 4, 2003. Thus, with the appropriate Request for Extension of Time for Two Months, and payment of the appropriate fee for that extension submitted herewith, this response is timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Replace claim 1 with:

1. An electronic ballast for driving a gas discharge lamp, the ballast drawing an essentially sinusoidal AC input current from an AC power supply, the ballast comprising:

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